

FULBRIGHT WEIGHS CUTBACK ON PANEL

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—Senator J. W. Fulbright is reported considering a move to cut back the size of the Foreign Relations Committee, but may encounter resistance.

Informed sources say the Arkansas Democrat believes the present membership of 19 has become cumbersome and slows committee work. But a strong counterforce to any cutback attempt would be the sizable number of Senators seeking a place on the prestigious panel.

A decision will be made by the leadership of both parties in the Senate about the same time it is attempting to deal with a surplus of bids for membership on the committee even at its present size.

Those seeking committee seats include Gale McGee of Wyoming, who served briefly previously and is considered in line for a Democratic vacancy, and Jacob K. Javits, Republican of New York, who has priority for a spot. And Capitol Hill observers are watching for any bid from Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, who is said to be awaiting a determination of how many vacancies there will be before deciding whether to seek one.